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Chief of Operations, Salzburg

28 October 1953

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[] Operational
CR #49 - Pachette Meeting with Grallspace 1
on 26 October 1953

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

[] As arranged at the previous meeting (see CR #48) case officer, [] was to meet agent at 1000 hours at Grallspace's safe apartment on 26 October 1953. [] arrived at the apartment at 0955 hours and agent arrived shortly thereafter. It is not believed that either agent or case officer was seen entering or leaving the safe apartment. The purpose of the meeting, which lasted 45 minutes, was to return agent's finished draft of the defection letter for one minor improvement, to determine any further developments in the blackmail attempt by Maria PFENNIG and to check for any further problems such as agent's recent sinus and dental trouble.

PROGRESS

2. None

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

3. Case officer told agent that he had retyped agent's defection letter in Russian and that the letter had been thoroughly studied by case officer and his superiors who agreed that with the exception of one minor point, the letter was very acceptable. Case officer pointed out that this one minor improvement to be made was that one sentence should be inserted in the letter bridging the poor economic and agricultural conditions in the USSR with a sufficient reason why the recipient of the letter should defect from the Red Army. Case officer suggested that agent add one sentence illustrating the suffering of his fellow countrymen in the USSR under the Communist regime and that the recipient of the letter is only aiding this suffering by remaining in the Red Army. Agent said he would add the additional sentence or two and return the letter at the next meeting.

4. Agent also had with him brief notes on an additional defection letter. Agent had chosen for the theme of this letter the political and foreign policy of the Soviet Government. However in contrast to the first letter as outlined above, this letter did concentrate more heavily on the purely patriotic theme using Soviet political and foreign policy as a brief basis for building this patriotic type letter. Case officer requested that agent write up these ideas in a draft form and

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submit them at the next meeting. Case officer also emphasized that this letter should concentrate more on the purely patriotic theme.

PERSONAL MATTERS

5. Case officer inquired about the health of agent's family. Agent reported that his wife was complaining of stomach ailment but added that he thought it was just the usual feminine trait of complaining about imaginary ills. His daughter, he reported, was in good health and had been attending a local Austrian school and that she was rapidly learning German. Case officer remarked that this was a great benefit for agent's daughter since when she grows up she will be able to speak German, English, Russian and Latvian quite fluently. Agent reported that the operation on his sinus glands had taken place about four days ago and the operation had turned out successfully. Case officer noted that agent's cheek was considerably swollen. Other than that, agent reported that everything was in good shape and that he was quite satisfied.

6. The remainder of the meeting was spent with case officer and agent speaking English. Agent is still making very good progress in his ability to speak English. Case officer asked agent if possible to procure a history of America in English and that agent should start reading it. Case officer and agent will then discuss American history to get in English. Case officer also asked that agent, if possible, should become acquainted with the American Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

7. Agent reported that he had heard nothing further concerning the blackmail attempt by Maria PFENNIG. Case officer asked agent to be sure to report any new developments immediately.

COMMUNICATION

8. It was agreed to meet again on 2 November 1953 at 1000 hours in the Grallsplace safe apartment.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9. Agent was paid 4,210 AMS and 160 DM as his salary for October. At the previous meeting agent had requested that he be paid in Schillings the \$100 which is normally deposited to his escrow account in the States. He said he needed this money to pay for the extra medical expenses incurred by the dental operation. Therefore, no deposit of \$100 will be made to agent's escrow account for the month of October.

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